



**Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 16th, 2019
Board Meeting**

The Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board held its monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, October 16th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board office located at 5963 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio.

1. Call to Order

1.01 Board President Wayne Mays called the meeting to order.

Upon the call of the roll the following Board members were present: Patricia Deis-Gleeson, BSN; Wayne Mays; Deborah Stanton; Lonnie Tucker, CHE, CSW; Father Michael Pucke; Sandra Smith; Christine Hacker, MSN; Mathew Himm; Kim McKinney, BSN, RN; Rubina Dosani; Rev. Gary Smith; David Swigonski; Rev. Vanessa R. Cummings, CAPP; and Kelsey Wargo, LPCC-S, CCTP-II.

Recognition of Guests:

Deanna Proctor, Access Counseling
Pauline Edwards, Access Counseling
Nikki Boberg, Talbert House
Wendy Waters-Connell, YWCA
Sherrie L. Goodall, Butler Behavioral
Carolyn Winslow, Big Brothers Big Sisters
Lori Higgins, Envision Partnerships
Berni Murray, NAMI
Brett Kirkpatrick, Community First
Amy Wylie, Community First
Judge Randy T. Rogers, Butler County Probate Court
Sharon Bartels, TLC
Ryan Rice, St. Aloysius
Steve Cahill, Community Behavioral Health
Julie Herrmann, St. Joseph's Orphanage
Meredith O'Neill, Talbert House

1.02 Agenda Review
- *No changes*

1.03 Public Comments on the Agenda
- *No comments*

2. Swearing in of Board Members

2.01 Swearing in of Sandra Smith

Sandra Smith was sworn into office by Judge Randy T. Rogers of Butler County Probate Court.

3. Presentation

3.01 Brett Kirkpatrick, Chief Executive Officer of Community Behavioral Health, gave a presentation concerning the second phase of the GMS relocation.

4. Board Communication & Announcements

4.01 Executive Director's Report

I. Butler County NAMI Walk

The 16th Annual NAMI Walk was Saturday, October 12th. The goal was \$67,000. They are currently at \$66,652. They expect to meet and exceed it. There were 350 registered walkers and 41 teams. Special thanks to Kim McKinney for Team MHARS who raised \$1,243.

II. FY2020 State Budget Update

The state allocated \$5.75 million in support of hotline and mobile crisis services. The Board will receive \$170,151 for two fiscal years as currently indicated by Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ODMHAS)

The state has allocated 18 million for behavioral health for school system prevention. It has not been appropriated yet. If allocated per capita, the Board could receive 2%, which will be around \$400,000. Dr. Rasmus has reached out to some of the local superintendents to begin discussions about the allocations of these funds. The Boards and the school systems will partner together to allocate the funding.

The state has allocated 9.25 million for crisis infrastructure over the biennium SFY20-21, which is not capital but operational funding. This is to be determined by a crisis academy that will take place in Columbus on October 28th. Scott Fourman, Scott Rasmus, a representative from Butler Behavioral Health's mobile crisis team, and a representative from Beckett Springs Hospitals' Hotline &

Hopeline will be attending. There will be discussions and presentations on best practices and crisis programs. The board will probably have to go through an RFP process to petition for the funding.

III. **State Capital Funding Request Update**

There were three capital funding requests submitted by priority to ODMHAS. Funding requests are allowed only once every biennium.

FY 21-22: GMS relocation in the amount of \$500,000 has been petitioned for and indications are it will be available this fiscal year.

FY23 – 24: Crisis Stabilization Unit facility plan in the amount of \$500,000. It has been submitted and is to be determined.

FY25-26: In support of the YWCA’s expansion of its residential facility in the amount of \$500,000. It has been earmarked for this time period but is to be determined.

IV. **State Hospital / Fort Hamilton Hospital Pilot Program**

Dr. Rasmus spoke about a pilot program which may alleviate the overcrowding state hospital situation. Fort Hamilton Hospital (FHH) would potentially admit some of the more acute psychiatric patients from across the state, serve their needs, treat them, and divert them from the state hospital system.

V. **Article, “Plans dropped for addiction treatment center in Fairfield Township” Kieseletter, S. (2019, October 8) Retrieved from**

<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2019/10/08/plans-dropped-addiction-treatment-center-fairfield-township/3915150002/>

Community Health Alliance has dropped a rezoning request to convert the New Life Vineyard Church into a residential treatment center with substance abuse and mental health presentations. The alliance had proposed building a 25,000 square foot addition to the 69,000 square foot church for an in-patient center with 120 – 160 beds. It would have allowed the CHA to consolidate all of its residential treatment centers to one site. Neighbors opposed the move citing lower property values, increased crime, increased traffic and fear of clients and their visitors. Community Alliance has terminated its option to purchase and is looking at other options.

VI. **Article, “Business owners upset with city on homeless issue” Richter, E. (2019, September 29) Retrieved from**

<https://www.journal-news.com/news/downtown-middleton-business-owners-upset-with-city-homeless-issue/uiyKixqjOSbMrzECr1iPHL/>

Business owners in Middletown reacted to comments by the police chief about the homeless issue in the city, agreeing that they believe many are coming from outside of the city into Middletown. Middletown City Council suggested a consolidated approach and rules for drop-offs. Mayor Larry Mulligan is aware of the concerns and the city is in contact with other cities about the issue.

- VII. **Article, “Smoking Fewer Than 5 Cigarettes a Day Damages Your Lungs Almost as Much as Smoking a Whole Pack, Study Says,” Ducharme, J. TIME (2019, October 10) Retrieved from <https://time.com/5696017/light-smoking-lung-damage/>**

A new study published in the Lancet Respiratory Medicine found smoking a handful of cigarettes per day causes lung damage similar to smoking more than a pack per day. The study examined the smoking habits and health of more than 25,000 Americans, ages 17 to 93.

- VIII **Article, “Optimism has a surprising benefit: Better heart health, study finds,” Schumaker, E., ABC News (2019, September 27) Retrieved from <https://abcnews.go.com/Health/optimism-surprising-health-benefit-heart-health-study-finds/story?id=65875548>**

An optimistic outlook is good for your health. The new meta-analysis examined 15 studies on optimism and health and utilized data from 229,391 individuals, found that a person’s tendency to think positively about the future was linked with a 35% lower risk for heart disease, and a lower risk of death.

4. Consent Agenda

4.01 Consent Agenda Items

- A. September Board Meeting Minutes
- B. September Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- C. October ARS Meeting Minutes
- D. October MH Meeting Minutes

Ms. Deis-Gleeson motioned to approve the items in the consent agenda. Mr. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

5. Review of Committee Meetings

5.01 MH Committee October Meeting Review

Ms. Hacker gave a brief update on the MH Committee Meeting activities this month.

5.02 ARS Committee October Meeting Review

Mr. Himm gave a brief update on the ARS Committee meeting activities this month.

6. New Business

6.01 **July and August Board Fiscal Report**

Mr. Rhodus shared the July and August Board Fiscal Report. In July, the total funds collected were \$6,190, total administration expenditures were \$141,207, contract payments were \$581,179, with a current cash balance of \$18,237,756. In August, the total funds collected were \$4,198,691, total administration expenditures were \$265,239, contract payments were \$1,450,345 with a current cash balance of \$22,739,259.

Mr. Tucker motioned to approve the July and August Board Fiscal Report. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.02 **Butler County Audit**

The Independent Auditors Report of Butler County for the audit period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 has been reviewed and has been accepted by the Auditor of State.

6.03 **Budget Revisions**

Access Counseling – Updating a missed item from the 2019 September meeting. A proposed rate of \$312.50 per clock hour for prevention education. No change in the contract.

Big Brother Big Sisters – Board requested budget revision increase of \$50,000 due to System of Care grant. The contract is not to exceed \$241,246. They did not pass their scorecard requirements.

Butler Behavioral Health – Board requested budget revision decrease of \$15,000 due to System of Care grant. The contract is not to exceed \$2,026,237. They did not pass their scorecard requirements.

Envision Partnerships – Board requested budget revision increase of \$55,000 due to the Local Levy funding. The contract is not to exceed \$828,324. They did pass their scorecard requirements.

Lifespan – Updating a change in the unit rate effective September 1, 2019. No change in the contract.

Transitional Living – Updating a missed item from the 2019 September meeting. A proposed rate for residential care per diem of \$65 effective July 1, 2019. No change in the contract.

Ms. Hacker motioned to approve the Budget Revisions. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.04 **Board Forecast**

Mr. Rhodus shared the SUD Fund 0400 and MH 0500 Multi-Year Forecast for FY2020 to FY2025 for Board member information. Dr. Rasmus emphasized the deficit spending the Board is currently experiencing.

6.05 **Provider Scorecards**

This is the second year of scorecards which was finalized in September and providers were able to review. The Board is open to continue to work with providers to continue

with quality improvement. A summary of Scorecard financial metrics in 2018 shows an overall compliance of 46.67% and 64.44% in 2019, which is a positive difference of 17.78%. A summary of Scorecard quality assurance metrics in 2018 shows an overall compliance of 52.38% and 60.95% in 2019, which is a positive difference of 8.57%.

6.06 Ohio Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Business Associate Agreement

Probate monitor, Nick Schrantz from CBH (Community Behavioral Health), supports and works with the Board when an individual is civilly committed to the BCMHARS Board. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ODHMAS) is doing a study, focusing on AOT. The Business Associate Agreement provided allows ODHMAS to receive the data that Nick Schrantz puts into the program to be sent to the state to be analyzed collectively and to be reported. Butler County is one of five boards participating. This data entry will allow for better outcome tracking to occur and data to be compared to other areas of the state offering similar programming.

Mr. Himm motioned to approve the Ohio AOT Business Associate Agreement. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.07 QI Summary

Ms. Lowry provided a quarterly Quality Improvement summary from FY19 for the providers. The average total number of unduplicated consumers served during a quarter was 4,823. The average length of time from initial contact to first available assessment was 12.85 days. The average number of successful discharges/terminations, consumer met treatment goals were 318.4. The average length of stay in treatment was 1,328.1 days. The average successful discharge/terminations (met treatment goals) was 56.6%.

6.08 QI Plan

A comprehensive integrated Quality Improvement Plan has been updated to include both internal (board operations) and external (system) components.

Ms. Deis-Gleeson motioned to approve the QI Plan. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.10 Lindsay Buchanan Contract

The Lindsay Ward Buchanan Architect, Ltd. proposal is for consulting services for the Greater Miami Services (GMS) Relocation Project in the amount of \$75 per hour, not to exceed \$2,000.

Ms. Hacker motioned to approve the Lindsay Buchanan Contract. Rev. Cummings seconded the motion. Mr. Himm abstained from the vote. The vote carried the motion.

6.11 NAMI Grant Award

Ms. Lombardo shared that a NAMI Grant award was provided in the amount of \$5,000 through the Comprehensive Opiate Abuse Program (COAP) funds. The purpose of this

grant is to assist with the operation, curriculum development/coordination and implementation of the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) training in order to increase first responder's knowledge and improve outcomes in crisis interventions for those with mental health and substance use disorders.

Ms. Deis-Gleeson motioned to approve the NAMI Grant Award. Mr. Swigonski seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.12 Butler County Educational Service Center for Mobile Response and Stabilization Services MOU

Ms. Stollings shared that this is the second year the Board has worked with the Butler County Educational Service Center for Mobile Response and Stabilization Services. It works with ages 0 to 21 to improve outcomes for families. The Memorandum for Understanding to support this program is not to exceed \$226,338.

Rev. Cummings motioned to approve the Butler County Educational Service Center for Mobile Response and Stabilization Services MOU. Ms. Hacker seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.13 Board Self-Assessment (For Information Only)

Mr. Swigonski presented and reviewed the Board Self-Assessment results.

6.14 State Hospital Report

There was a target for 6 civil beds a day and 12 forensic beds at the state hospital in fiscal year 2019. In fiscal year September 2019 there were 2.0 civil beds and 14.0 forensic beds. In fiscal year September 2020 there were 1.7 civil and 14.0 forensic beds. Average bed days per year in Butler County is 5,703.

Mr. Fourman noted that Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Association (OACBHA) FY20-21 Goals are to increase access to psychiatric inpatient care, develop options for long-term care for deep end, high need adults and to engage in advocacy related to misdemeanor competency restoration conversations.

6.15 Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction

Mr. Rhodus discussed the current voucher approvals and direct deductions.

Ms. Deis-Gleeson motioned to approve the Vouchers and Payments Made by Direct Deduction. Mr. Himm seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

7. Guest and Board Comments

7.01 Guest/Board Comments

Kim McKinney thanked all who donated to Team MHARS or walked for NAMI on Saturday October 12th.

Berni Murray from NAMI thanked the Board, agencies and individuals for the support in the NAMIWalk on Saturday, October 12th. The window to donate is still open for another 60 days so there is still time to contribute. In gratitude of a successful 2019 NAMIWalks Butler County, they are hosting a celebration on November 21st at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to see what they are doing with the funds that were raised. Contact Butler County NAMI at 513-860-8386 or email info@nami-bc.org for more information.

The Butler County NAMI hosts a Community Forum every third Thursday of each month, with the exception of April and December, at 5963 Boymel Drive, Fairfield, Ohio 45014. On Thursday, October 17th, Jessica Tyler of Robertson & Associates of Ohio, LLC will be speaking about Special Needs Trusts.

8. Adjournment